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SUBJ: OUTER SPACE -- AUSTRIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION

REF: USUN 5298

1. SUMMARY. OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE MEMBERS REACHED AGREE-
MENT ON TEXT OF OMNIBUS OUTER SPACE RESOLUTION AT AM MEETING
TODAY.

2. DETAILS. ON REMOTE SENSING (A) GROUP AGREED TO REVISE
DESCRIPTION OF ERS QUESTIONNAIRE SO AS TO PARALLEL MORE
PRECISELY LANGUAGE OF SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE
REPORT. RELEVANT PARA OF RESOLUTION (SEE PARA NUMBERED 10
IN USUN 5007 AND PARA 4 OF USUN 5298) WILL ACCORDINGLY
READ: "WELCOMES THE VARIOUS EFFORTS ENVISAGED BY THE
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE OSC AND THE
WORKING GROUP ON ERS WITH A VIEW TO BRINGING THE BENEFIT
OF THIS NEW TECHNOLOGY TO ALL COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE PREPARATION OF A
SECOND SURVEY OF POTENTIAL USERS OF REMOTE SENSING IN
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REGARD TO WHICH A 'QUESTIONNAIRE ON REMOTE SENSING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES FROM SATELLITES' COVERING TECHNICAL, LEGAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS HAS BEEN SENT TO MEMBER STATES". (B) SOVIETS ALSO LIFTED THEIR RESERVATION TO THE FOLLOWING PARA WHICH HAS BEEN MODIFIED TO REFLECT S AND T SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT, IE "COMMENDS THIS QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE ATTENTION OF MEMBER STATES AND REQUESTS THEM TO RESPOND TO IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH A VIEW TO MAKING PROGRESS IN IDENTIFYING, STUDYING AND ANALYZING THE BEST MEANS OF DISSEMINATING REMOTE SENSING DATA." (SWEDEN AGREED TO FOREGO LANGUAGE PARA 2(C) USUN 5252 ON "PROPER LEGAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE CONDUCT OF ERS" WHICH HAD GIVEN US DIFFICULTY.) (C) FINALLY, ABBREVIATED PARA ELIMINATING HARMFUL ASPECTS OF ARGENTINE PROPOSAL (PARA 3(3), USUN 5217) WAS AGREED PER PARA 4 (II) OF USUN 5298 AS TO POST-1974 ERS MANDATE OF OSC, NAMELY "CONSIDERS THAT THE OSC AND ITS APPROPRIATE SUBSIDIARY BODIES WILL HAVE TO GIVE FURTHER IN-DEPTH CONSIDERATION TO THE LEGAL, ORGANIZATIONAL AND RELATED ASPECTS OF REMOTE SENSING OF THE EARTH BY SATELLITES AT THEIR RESPECTIVE SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS."

3. AS TO REQUEST THAT IMCO BRING OSC UP TO DATE ON ITS MARITIME SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM DISCUSSIONS, GROUP AGREED TO REVISE SWEDISH TEXT PER PARA 2(I) OF USUN 5252 SO AS TO BRING IT IN LINE WITH WORDING ADOPTED IN S AND T SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT, NAMELY "NOTES THAT IMCO HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS ON THE USE OF MARITIME SATELLITES AND EXPRESSES ITS INTEREST IN RECEIVING INFORMATIONAL CONCERNING ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD AND OTHER RELATED WORK."

4. CONCERNING OSC ENLARGEMENT, (A) USSR AGREED TO FRENCH PROPOSAL PER PARA 2, USUN 5298 WITH "TO BE HELD" SUBSTITUTED FOR "HELD" AS FOLLOWS: "REQUESTS THE OSC TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY AND FORMULATE CONCRETE PROPOSALS CONCERNING THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE RESULTS OF APPROPRIATE CONSULTATIONS TO BE HELD BY ITS CHAIRMAN, AND REPORT TO THE GA AT ITS 29TH SESSION". (B) THE TWO PREAMBULAR PARAS
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BEARING ON ENLARGEMENT IN "ALTERNATIVE II" (PARA 1 OF USUN 5217 AND PARA 2 OF USUN 5298), AS PREFERRED BY THE US, WERE ALSO AGREED.

5. IN A WELCOME MOVE FORWARD FROM THEIR INDICATION OF MISHCIEFMaking ON DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES LAST FRIDAY NIGHT, ORDZHONIKIDZE INFORMED GROUP THAT, WHILE

USSR WOULD FOR THE TIME BEING "RESEVE ITS POSITION",
SOVIETS WOULD NOT OBJECT TO INCLUSION IN THE OMNIBUS
RES OF LANGUAGE BASED ON OSC REPORT CONSENSUS
PARA 28 (WHICH INCLUDES THE SIGNIFICANT PHRASE "THE
QUESTION OF"). TEXT THUS STANDS AS PROPOSED BY AUSTRIA
(PARA 3 OF USUN 5298).

6. CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION SHOWED THAT US, UK, CANDAIAN,
BRAZILIAN, SWEDISH, ITALIAN AND JAPANESE DELS ARE ABLE TO
COSPONSOR OMNIBUS TEXT. WE HOPE USSR WILL STATE
WILLINGNESS TO COSPONSOR IN ANOTHER DAY OR TWO; THEIR
CUSTOMARY PRACTICE, REVIEWED LAST YEAR, IS TO JOIN AS CO-
SPONSOR ONLY WHEN WEO'S AND LDC MEMBERS HAVE AGREED TO DO SO.
THERE IS, OF COURSE, A SLIGHT POSSIBILITY SOVIETS WILL
NOT COSPONSOR BUT INSTEAD STAY OUT AND TABLE AN AMEND-
MENT TO THE DBS PARA ELIMINATING THE WORDS "THE QUESTION
OF". HOWEVER, THEIR CONDUCT THIS MORNING GAVE NO BASIS
FOR SUGGESTING THIS IS THEIR INTENTION.
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